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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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WARNING: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.41(a)(1) points out:

"(a) A patent is applied for in the name or names of the actual inventor or inventors."

(1) The inventorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration as prescribed by Section 1.63, except as provided for in Section 1.53(d)(4) and Section 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration as prescribed by Section 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to Section 1.53(b), unless a petition under this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in Section 1.17(i) is filed supplying or changing the name or names of the inventor or inventors."

For (title): METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING STUFFING

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

	(check one applicable item below)
[X] [] []	Original (nonprovisional) Design Plant
WARNING:	Do not use this transmittal for a completion in the U.S. of an International Application under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4), unless the International Application is being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in part application.
WARNING:	Do not use this transmittal for the filing of a provisional application.
TRANS	f the following 3 items apply, then complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION MITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED and a NOTIFICATION IN PARENT CATION OF THE FILING OF THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION.
[]	Divisional. Continuation. Continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. Sections 119(e), 120, or 121)

NOTE: A nonprovisional application may claim an invention disclosed in one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or copending international applications designating the United States of America. In order for a nonprovisional application to claim the benefit of a prior filed copending nonprovisional application or copending international application designating the United States of America, each prior application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later filed nonprovisional application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later filed nonprovisional application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112. Each prior application must also be:

- (I) An international application entitled to a filing date in accordance with PCT Article 11 and designating the United States of America; or
- (ii) Complete as set forth in Section 1.51(b); or
- (iii) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in Section 1.53(b) or Section 1.53(d) and include the basic filing fee set forth in Section 1.16; or
- (iv) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in Section 1.53(b) and have paid therein the processing and retention fee set forth in Section 1.21(l) within the time period set forth in Section 1.53(f).

37 C.F.R. Section 1.78(a)(1).

NOTE If the new application being transmitted is a divisional, continuation or a continuation-in-part of a parent case, or where the parent case is an International Application which designated the U.S., or benefit of a prior provisional application is claimed, then check the following item and complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

WARNING:

If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c). (35 U.S.C. 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119, 365(a) or 365(b).) For a c-i-p application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20,195, at 20,205.

WARNING:

When the last day of pendency of a provisional application falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, any nonprovisional application claiming benefit of the provisional application must be filed prior to the Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.78(a)(3).

[] The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s). Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. Section 1.153 (Design) Application

16	Pages of Specification
4	Pages of Claims
4	Sheets of Drawing

WARNING:

DO NOT submit original drawings. A high quality copy of the drawings should be supplied when filing a patent application. The drawings that are submitted to the Office must be on strong, white, smooth, and non-shiny paper and meet the standards according to Section 1.84. If corrections to the drawings are necessary, they should be made to the original drawing and a high-quality copy of the corrected original drawing then

submitted to the Office. Only one copy is required or desired. For comments on proposed then-new 37 C.F.R. 1.84, see Notice of March 9, 1988. (1990 O.G. 57-62).

"Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application. This information should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawing a minimum distance of 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch) down from the top of the page. .. "37 C.F.R. Section 1.84(c)). (complete the following, if applicable) The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.84(b). [X]**Formal** Informal ... **Other Papers Enclosed** В. 4 Pages of declaration and power of attorney Pages of Abstract Other **Additional Papers Enclosed** Amendment to claims _ before calculating the Cancel in this applications claims ___ filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.) Add the claims shown on the attached amendment. (Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims.) **Preliminary Amendment** Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98) [X] Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) [X] Citations [X] Declaration of Biological Deposit Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence. Authorization of Attorney(s) to Accept and Follow Instructions from Representative **Special Comments** Other -

Declaration or Oath (including power of attorney) **5.**

A newly executed declaration is not required in a continuation or divisional application provided the prior nonprovisional application contained a declaration as required, the application being filed is by all or fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, there is no new matter in the application being filed, and a copy of the executed declaration filed in the prior application (showing the signature or an indication thereon that it was signed) is submitted. The copy must be accompanied by a statement requesting deletion of the names of person(s) who are not inventors of the application being filed. If the declaration in the prior application was filed under Section 1.47 then a copy of that declaration must be filed accompanied by a copy of the decision granting Section 1.47 status or, if a nonsigning person under Section 1.47 has subsequently joined in a prior application, then a copy of the subsequently executed declaration must be filed. See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63(d)(1)-(3).

A declaration filed to complete an application must be executed, identify the specification to which it is directed, identify each inventor by full name, including the family name, and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial, and the residence, post office address and country of citizenship of each inventor, and state whether the inventor is a sole or joint inventor. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63(a)(1)-(4).

A The inventorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration as *NOTE:* prescribed by Section 1.62, except as provided for in Section 1.53(d)(4) and Section 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration as prescribed by Section 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to Section 1.53(b), unless a petition under this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in Section 1.17(1) is filed supplying or changing the name or names of the inventor or inventors. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.41(a)(1).

[X]Enclosed -

Executed by

		(check all applicable boxes)
	[X]	inventor(s).
	[.]	legal representative of inventor(s). 37 C.F.R. Section 1.42 or 1.43.
		joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.
••		[] This is the petition required by 37 C.F.R. Section 1.47 and the statement required by 37 C.F.R. Section 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below
		for fee.
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Where the filing is a completion in the U.S. of an International Application, or where the completion of the U.S. application contains subject matter in addition to the International Application, the application may be treated as a continuation or continuation-in-part, as the case may be, utilizing ADDED PAGE FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.

> Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. 1.41 on behalf of all the above named inventor(s).

(The declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37.C.F.R. Section 1.16(e), can be filed subsequently).

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8. Assig	nment				
[X]	An assignment of the invention [X] is attached. A separate (DOCUMENT) ACCO FORM PTO 1595 is a [] will follow.	E [] "COVER SHE OMPANYING NEV	ET FOR ASSIC	GNMENT	or [X]

NOTE: "If an assignment is submitted with a new application, send two separate letters-one for the application and one for the assignment" Notice of May 4, 1990 (1114 O.G. 77-78).

WARNING: A newly executed "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. Section 3.73(b)" must be filed when a continuation-in-part application is filed by an assignee. Notice of April 30, 1993, 1150 O.G. 62-64.

9. Certified Copy

Certified copy(ies) of application(s)

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from which priority is claimed.

- [X] is (are) attached.
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NOTE: The foreign application forming the basis for the claim for priority must be referred to in the oath or declaration. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.55(a) and 1.63.

NOTE: This item is for any foreign priority for which the application being filed directly relates. If any parent U.S. application or International Application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 is itself entitled to priority from a prior foreign application, then complete item 18 on the ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)

A. [X] Regular application

CLAIMS AS FILED

Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	37	Basic Fee C.F.R. 1.16(a)
Total Claims						\$750.00
(37 CFR 1.16(e))	17	- 20 =	0	x \$ 18.00	3.	\$0
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	- 3 =	0	x \$84.00		\$0
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[]		Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

NOTE: If the fees for extra claims are not paid on filing they must be paid or the claims cancelled by amendment, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the Patent and Trademark Office in any notice of fee deficiency. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d).

Filing Fee Calculation \$_750.00

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	C .	[] Plant application
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:	*	te of timely payment of a full fee. The two-month period is not extendable under Section 1.136. 37 C.F.R. Section
	1.28(a).	
12.	Reques	t for International-Type Search (37 C.F.R. Section 1.104(d))
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		Please prepare an international-type search report for this application at the time when
		national examination on the merits takes place.
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13.	Fee Pay	yment Being Made at This Time
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•		[] No filing fee is to be paid at this time.
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		subsequently.)
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9		[X] Recording assignment
		(\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h))
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	on behalf of the inventor where
	inventor refused to sign or cannot
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	(\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.47 and 1.17(i))\$
	[] For processing an application with a
	specification in a non-English language
	(\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.52(d) and 1.17(k))\$
	[] Processing and retention fee
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	the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(f) and this, as well as the changes to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53
· ·	(1), indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee must be
	e processing and retention fee of Section 1.21(1) must be paid, within 1 year from notification under Section
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	Total Fees Enclosed \$790.00
14. Method	of Payment of Fees
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WARNING:	Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges, if extra claim
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[X]	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this
	paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No04-1105.
	[X] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
	[X] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

- [X] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- [X] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a).
- [X] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)

NOTE: "A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under Section 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in Section 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a)(3).

- [] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b))
- NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance.

 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b)).
- NOTE: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying, . . issue fee." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(b), (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

16. Instructions as to Overpayment

NOTE: "... Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.26(a).

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[] Statement Where No Further Pages Added

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